

Community Council Nominees

Chris Anderson

Chris has a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from UNL and a Masters in Public Administration from UNO. He served as the Assistant City Administrator in Aurora for two years. While in Aurora, he was active in the Aurora Information Technology Committee, and created a comprehensive community web site - one of the first in the state.

Chris then served as the City Administrator in Stanton, Nebraska. He created the Nebraska City Management Association home page, and established a listserv for the membership. Chris currently serves as City Administrator in Ashland, Nebraska. While his current focus is on growth issues, he has participated in making wireless Internet available in town. Chris also serves on the League of Nebraska Municipalities Legislative Committee, and serves as vice-president of the Nebraska City Management Association.

Max Thacker

Max Thacker has over thirty-six years of experience in the broadcast industry working primarily in the engineering and distance learning environments. He held the position of Distance Learning Services Coordinator for 10 years with NETC and was responsible for managing and scheduling the state's distance learning satellite and terrestrial networks as well as the Nebraska Video Conference Network.

In December 1999 he joined the staff of the University of Nebraska Medical Center at Omaha as the Associate Director of Biomedical Communications. The primary focus of this position is the development and implementation of video services. In addition to coordinating planning for use and providing quality control for UNMC's participation in statewide telecommunications system, his responsibilities also include the development of telemedicine and telehealth systems and services to meet the needs of rural and underserved Nebraskans as well as UNMC's international partners.

This past July Mr. Thacker assumed the responsibilities of Co-Director of UNMC's Biomedical Communications – ITS Department.

Harold Krueger

Harold Krueger, Chadron Community Hospital, and member of the Telehealth Subcommittee.

Nebraska Information Technology Commission Education Council

New members recommended for approval (10/13/00 EC Meeting):

Representing K-12 Private and Parochial Schools

Mr. Joe LeDuc, Technology Specialist for the Catholic Diocese of Lincoln, coordinates instructional technology for the 30 schools in the Lincoln Diocese. Mr. LeDuc's experiences include Apple account executive for Holcomb's Group, a national vendor of educational technology, software and staff development for the Nebraska Department of Education Technology Center, and teaching in Lincoln Public Schools. Mr. LeDuc has a Masters Degree in Curriculum and Instruction.

Representing the University of Nebraska

Dr. Harvey Perlman, Interim Chancellor for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, is former Dean of the UN College of Law, 1983-1998, and has been a member of the faculty there for 22 years. Dr. Perlman's legal expertise lies in torts and intellectual property and he is a member of the Nebraska State and American Bar Associations. Dr. Perlman is an adviser to the Board of the Peter Kiewit Institute for Information Science.

Representing Independent Colleges and Universities of Nebraska

Dr. Roger Koehler, President of Nebraska Methodist College since 1985, earned his PhD from State University of New York-Buffalo in 1970. Dr. Koehler has been on the faculty of several Midwestern institutions including UNL and UNO. With a background in mathematics and research design statistics, Dr. Koehler has written numerous articles on cognition and student achievement and includes computer applications as one of his areas of expertise.

Representing K-12 Educational Service Units

Mr. Al Schneider, Administrator for Educational Service Unit 5, earned his Educational Specialist Degree from Kearney State College in 1984. Having served as a classroom teacher, school counselor and superintendent, Mr. Schneider became ESU 5 Administrator in 1987. Mr. Schneider has been involved in Internet development and distance learning for over eight years. Grant experience includes several multimillion-dollar awards for distance learning.

Acknowledging new Voting Alternates to the Education Council:

Mr. Dennis Baack, Executive Director of the Nebraska Community College System, as alternate for Dr. Jack Huck and Dr. Joe Preusser;

Mr. Don Navrkal, Superintendent of the Pierce Public Schools, as alternate for Dr. Rob Ziegler;

Mr. Tom Korta, Assistant Principal for Lincoln Pius X High School, as alternate for Mr. Joe LeDuc;

Mr. Thomas O'Neill, President of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Nebraska, as alternate for Dr. Roger Koehler;

Dr. Woody Ziegler, Instructor at Doane College, as alternate for Mr. Con Dietz.

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Patrick C. Flanagan

Biographical Details

Pat Flanagan is the Information Systems Manager for Mutual of Omaha. He has twenty-seven years experience in planning, developing, integrating and implementing information technology systems. He has worked the last 17 years for Mutual of Omaha. His experience includes quality and process management, measurement, strategic and tactical technology planning, systems and service level management, computer and telecommunications performance and capacity management.

Pat's management experience includes planning, budgeting, vendor relations and negotiation, human resource and project management. He is a member of the Emergency Operations organization for Mutual and helped establish their Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Plans. He serves on the Gartner Group's industry best practice advisory team for effective systems management.

Several efforts underway at Mutual of Omaha are relevant to state government. This includes implementing federal security and privacy requirements for health records under HIPAA regulations, benchmarking for information technology, integration of disparate systems of independent units, and e-commerce implementation.